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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the settlement that you and your colleagues at the Department of Justice have worked so hard to negotiate in the Microsoft antitrust dispute.

The settlement is good for the technology industry and good for the economy, both of which have taken a serious beating as a result of this unfortunate three-year long legal battle between the two parties. Anytime a settlement is reached, and extremely costly and distracting litigation can be avoided, it is a good thing.

It seems that politics is the motivating factor behind this case and that Microsoft's adversaries will stop at nothing to derail and destroy Microsoft. These groups and individuals do not seem to realize or care that they are hurting the entire U.S. economy in the process.

The settlement ends Microsoft's status as a "monopoly". Since this was the goal of the government in the first place and it has clearly been met,

Microsoft should be left alone and allowed to move forward. It is time that our premier software company gets back to innovating rather than litigating. Thank you for the work that you have done on this settlement and for ensuring that no further legal action will be taken against this American company.

Sincerely,

Judy Ames